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1. WAECHTER, EC DIRECTOR FOR CROP PRODUCTS MARKETS, TOLD US
THAT THE UKRAINE HAS BEEN HIT BY UNUSUALLY LOW TEMPERATURES FOLLOW-
ING A PERIOD OF LITTLE OR NO SNOW COVER OVER MUCH OF THE
AREA. QUOTING TRADE SOURCES, HE SAID THAT ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF
THE PLANTED WHEAT HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. HE EXPECTS
THE USSR TO BE BACK IN THE WORLD WHEAT MARKET, AS A RESULT.

2. REFERRING TO THE PRESENT SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE KANSAS-
OKLAHOMA WHEAT AREA, HE SAID THE EC WILL NOW HAVE TO CAREFULLY
WATCH ITS WHEAT EXPORTS.

3. WITH THE GREAT LAKES PRESENTLY CLOSED TO SHIPPING, THE
EC IS VIRTUALLY THE ONLY SOURCE FOR BARLEY. FOR THIS REASON,
THE PERIOD JANUARY-MARCH IS THE BEST MARKET SEASON FOR EC

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BARLEY. WITH THIS AS BACKGROUND, WAECHTER SAID THE USSR ON

FEBRUARY 19 BOUGHT 60,000 MT OF BARLEY FROM GERMAN INTER-
VENTION STOCKS. HINTON

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